GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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RURAL WORKS UNDER INDO DUTCH SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether work is being done under various development plans as per the Indo- Dutch scheme in the rural areas of some of the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to ensure proper utilization of the funds received for this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) & (b) A Community-managed Ghogha regional water supply and sanitation project is under implementation in Gujarat with assistance from the Royal Netherlands Government. The project is under implementation in 82 villages of Bhavnagar, Talaja and Ghogha talukas of Bhavnagar district. The project envisages drinking water facilities, environmental sanitation and local water resource management in all the project villages. The project started from 4.8.1997 and after introduction of reforms, the project was revised in the year 2002. The proposed completion date of the revised project is 30th June, 2005.

(c) The project is a part of the State Plan. There is a Steering Committee, which periodically reviews the project. Three NGOs help village community as Implementation Support Agencies, facilitated by a Community Management Support Unit located in the project area. The State Government has reported that audit by an independent auditor is carried out to ensure proper utilization of funds. Assessment of performance of Implementation Support Agencies and impact of their activities has also been carried out by an independent agency.